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FAI AEROMODELLING COMMISSION (CIAM)



MINUTES

of the April 2010 CIAM Bureau Meeting
held at Hotel Au Lac, Lausanne
on Thursday 15th April 2010 at 08.30 hours

In the chair: Mr Bob Skinner (South Africa)

Mr Dave Brown (USA)
Mr Gerhard Wöbbeking (Germany)
Mr Andras Ree (Hungary)

Mr Massimo Semoli (Italy)
Mrs Jo Halman (United Kingdom)
Mr Ian Kaynes (United Kingdom)

Mr Bengt-Olof Samuelsson (Sweden)
Mr Tomas Bartovsky (Czech Republic)

Mr Horace Hagen (USA)
Mr Narve Jensen (Norway)
Mr Emil Giezendanner (Switzerland)
Mr Srdjan Pelagic (Serbia)
Mr Guy Revel (Czech Republic)
Mr Ken Hirose (Japan)
Mr Rob Metkemeijer
Mr Mihail Zanciu (Romania)
Mrs Madelyne Delcroix (France)
Mr Marius Conu (Romania)
Mr Bill Lee (USA)
Mr John Langford (USA)

pt Mr Winfried Ohlgart (Germany)

pt Mr Peter Rutimann (Switzerland)

pt Mr Stéphane Desprez (Switzerland)

President of CIAM

F3A Sub-Committee Chairman
1st Vice-President
2nd Vice-President
3rd Vice-President
Treasurer
Secretary
Technical Secretary
F1 Sub-Committee Chairman
FF World Cup Co-ordinator
F2 Sub-Committee Chairman
F3B/J Sub-Committee Chairman
F3B/J World Cup Co-ordinator
F3C Sub-Committee Chairman
F4 Sub-Committee Chairman
F5 Sub-Committee Chairman
SM Sub-Committee Chairman
Media Consultant – WAG selection WG
Observer
F3 Pylon Sub-Committee Chairman
Observer
Assistant to the Secretaries
Observer
Observer
Observer
IJMC
IJMC
FAI Secretary General

The President welcomed the Bureau members and introduced Ms Madelyne Delcroix who will help the Secretaries with the Minutes and Agendas and other administrative items.

1 Review of Agenda

A number of items were added to item 30 - Any Other Business

The issue of the CIAM Scholarship Selection Group will be addressed under the Education Sub-committee Report at item 13.

Future contest calendar approvals was added at item 16.3.

Gerhard Wöbbeking, 2nd Vice-President had some concerns about the legitimacy of a control mechanism in RC Aerobatics. The President indicated that this should be addressed under the report from the F3A Sub-committee Chairman at item 13

The new Secretary General, Stéphane Desprez presented a short report about the WAG. Annecy as an alternative location/host city to Odensee (Denmark) is being considered to host the 2011 WAG. This will be as a precursor to the Olympic winter Games in July 2011. The FAI will not accept a below-standard WAG and will not compromise. The CIAM President commented that CIAM input to the WAG 2009 was very good, but can, nevertheless, be improved.

2 Minutes of the December 2009 Bureau meeting

An error was corrected in the approved judges for the F1D World Championships in Serbia, with the insertion of Pavol Barbaric.

The Minutes were accepted by Bureau.

3 The Bureau received a presentation by the International Jet Model Committee (IJMC) Chairman, Winnie Ohlgart & Peter Rutimann (IJMC Treasurer).

The CIAM president highlighted the attractiveness of model jet flying. He mentioned that compromise was necessary from both sides and asked whether the IJMC structure was able to be modified to fit the CIAM mould. One solution could be a separate Sub-committee, but the preferable option may be to have different classes within the IJMC allocated to the various CIAM sub-committees. We should guard against a sub-committee which is defined by a propulsion source, since it may just be possible to have two world champions for the same type of activity. CIAM must encourage the IJMC to develop their activities along CIAM lines.

Currently the IJMC seeks two solutions:

- To award their championships the title of World Championship
- To obtain financial support for their competitors from NACs in their respective countries, since it is currently not an FAI event.

The four countries in the United Kingdom currently enjoy Grandfather rights (England, Scotland, Wales, Northern Ireland), and the IJMC rules allow 6 competitors per country. 20 to 25 countries usually participate at a Jet World Masters.

For the immediate future, closer cooperation is necessary between the CIAM and the IJMC, with the ultimate aim being a seamless integration.

4 Schedule of Plenary Meeting, Technical Meetings and Award Presentation

The CIAM Secretary guided the meeting through the time-table and related items with the aid of a PowerPoint presentation that will be transmitted on the screen in the Olympic Museum auditorium during the Plenary Meeting. The elections for Bureau officers and Sub-committee Chairmen would take place after lunch on the second day before the bid presentations.

5 Review of Bureau Proposals

Agenda items 22, Bureau Support for Site Inspection, and 27, Medals Presentation would be taken under this item as there were Bureau proposals relating to both these items.

The Bureau generated two new proposals, one dealing with the voting procedure at Plenary meetings and one dealing with collection and tracking of the World Cup trophies. It also amended the following proposals:

A.10 Sanction Fees, A.10 Judges List, A.11 Technical Experts List, A.17 Aeromodelling Scholarship, B.11.2

Proposal B.6 dealing with Championship site inspections has been withdrawn.

These will be issued as a separate document to the Delegates.

6 Sporting Code. Report by Technical Secretary

6.1 World Cup rationalisation

The Technical Secretary explained that this was a low priority project that would be commenced at a more appropriate time when she would contact the Sub-committee Chairmen for input.

6.2 Records

5.2.1 The display of World Records on the FAI website has not been updated with the 2009 homologated records because the FAI is changing the way all the Commissions' records are presented on the website. Each record has to be re-done, Commission by Commission. While this is being done the usual updating will not take place. It was not possible to predict when the updating would recommence. A notice will be placed on the Records page of the website regarding the situation and there will be a contact link to FAI to request current record information for those people interested in making a record attempt.

5.2.2 The Technical Secretary explained that in 2000, Plenary had approved a change in the specification of the employment of assistant pilots in F3 duration and distance world records. All records from 2000 and earlier should have been retired and retained in perpetuity. This had not happened but will now be done. It is expected to be accomplished by the end of April. This will then make available 13 record classes in which new records may be established.

7 CIAM Treasurer's Report:

7.1 2009 Budget

The budget report will be distributed to delegates and will appear as an annex to these Minutes.

7.2 2010 Budget

See above.

7.3 2011 Budget proposal

See Agenda item 5 Bureau Proposals.

By a substantial majority, the Bureau was in favour of the proposal to change the sanction fees for competitions. See Agenda item 5 Bureau Proposals. It was agreed that it was not necessary to list WAG events separately.

8 CIAM Bureau Officers nominations and elections

The President, Vice-Presidents, Secretary and Technical Secretary all confirmed that they are available for re-election, if nominated. Andras Ree agreed to continue as CIAM Treasurer.

The F2, F4, F5, F7, Space Modelling and Education Sub-committee Chairmen all confirmed that they would be available for re-election.

The F1, F3 Aerobatics, F3 Soaring, F3 Helicopter and F3 Pylon sub-committee chairmen confirmed that they are prepared to continue serving for their second year of a two-year term. This is subject to confirmation by the Plenary.

9 Assistant Secretary

CIAM has contracted an assistant to help the Secretaries with the Minutes, Agendas and other administrative functions. Ms Delcroix's title for the moment is "Assistant to the Secretaries" with a formal appointment as Assistant Secretary in the future.

10 CIAM Flyer status report. Emil Giezendanner, Editor

The Editor reported a successful season of CIAM Flyer. The President thanked Mr Giezendanner for his sterling work throughout the year.

11 Repository for Reports and Bulletins

The Assistant to the Secretaries will be responsible for the upload to the File Repository of the many documents necessary for Plenary and Bureau meetings. This will reduce the workload on the two Secretaries and the FAI staff. The mechanism to achieve this is under development and will be in place to facilitate the preparation for the 2011 Plenary meeting.

12 FAI database of FAI Licences

The General Secretary confirmed that not all the countries are online yet and access to the FAI Licence database by competition organisers is not yet available.

13 Reports of Subcommittee Chairmen

F1 Free Flight

The Sub-committee was unanimously in support of the proposals on this year's agenda. Future changes to the rules are still necessary.

F2 Control Line

The Sub-committee is meeting tonight (Thursday 15th April) to prepare for the Technical and Plenary Meetings.

There are no controversial proposals.

F3 Aerobatics

The Sub-committee has established a working methodology and there is a constructive and efficient collaboration within the Sub-committee. A sub-committee discussion took place regarding the use of variable incidence propulsion devices in F3 Aerobatics. The sub-committee was directed to formulate a proposal to resolve the issue. The issue was brought to the attention of the Bureau, and after discussion, the majority of Bureau members came to the conclusion that the use of a variable incidence propulsion device was not in the spirit of the rules, and would not be allowed until such time as it is expressly allowed in the Sporting Code.

F3 Soaring

No changes to the written report.

F3 Helicopter

There is a similar technical issue as in F3 Aerobatics and there is a proposal on the Plenary agenda to address it.

F3 Pylon

Pylon has addressed the issue of exhaust noise and efforts to reduce propeller noise are work-in-progress.

F4 Scale

An important issue for Scale is how to increase the popularity of scale competition.

F5 Electric

No changes to the written report.

F6 Airsports Promotional

Many competitors are waiting for news on the next WAG.

There are many proposals for Plenary consideration to bring interesting and exciting competition to the public. The 2009 WAG was considered a success among the media.

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The strategic workshop determined a few Quick Hits, and these should now be implemented. Two issues that need attention without any rule changes are (a) running commentaries for the public and (b) having the top competitors to fly as a group at the most suitable time of a particular day.

The President and the Media Consultant will work together on a document for organisers of coming World and Continental championships.

Each Sub-committee must think of better ways to promote their classes

The 1st Vice President suggested that on one or two days before the competition the top pilots made themselves available for "live" media coverage purposes and promotion of the event.

F7 Aerostats

The Sub-committee Chairman, Marcel Prevotat, was unable to attend the meeting today.

Space Modelling

This year the introduction of the electronic altitude measurement is crucial. Technology advances faster than the rules. A general revision of the rules is needed as there is some redundancy in several places and possibly even contradictory rules.

This year all electronic altitude devices should be impounded.

Education

A list of members of the Selection Group will be presented to the December 2010 Bureau Meeting for appointment in March 2011, to scrutinise the nominations by November 2011.

14 Defunct continental championship medals

There are 19 sets, plus one bronze and one silver, of unengraved CIAM medals remaining. After discussion, the Chairman of the Education Sub-committee will prepare a Bureau proposal how the medals could be used, preferably as some new junior awards.

15 Plenary Voting

By a large majority, the Bureau agreed to propose to Plenary that the voting system at Plenary should be changed from the current absolute majority system to a simple majority system. The President will ask for it to be effective for this Plenary meeting.

16 2010 Contest Calendar.

16.1 2010 World and Continental Championships.

F3A PHI

The Philippine organisers renewed their offer for hosting the 2010 AOCC F3 RC Aerobatic continental championship. The offer was earlier withdrawn due to fears of political instability due to an impending national election. The new venue is Bacolod City instead of Cebu.

The change of location brings a significant reduction in the costs for the teams. All other details remain exactly as in the Bureau-approved Bulletin 1.

Bureau approved the Championship.

F3C TPE

The venue of this F3 Helicopter AOCC is Taichung in Chinese Taipei.

FAI Jury: Horace Hagen (President) (USA)

Sandy Pimenoff (FIN)

Jimmy Lai (TPE)

Jury reserve: Praphon Techavipark (THA)

Judges: Dag Eckhoff (NOR)

Nick Csabafy (AUS)

Jason Chan (HKG)

Yutaka Ueda (JPN)

Miguel Ramos (PHI)

Reserve: Frits van Laar (NED)

Entry fees: 380 Euro. The cost structure complies with the CIAM approved maximum. The championship is approved by the Bureau.

16.2 2011 and future World and Continental Championships.

It was agreed that the December Bureau meeting was the latest that Bureau could accept requests for World Cup competitions that had been received by the 15 November deadline, but that might have had details or payments that needed clarifying.

17 Minimum standards for Championships – Working group of E Giezendanner, D Brown, S Pelagic, with input from Sub-committee chairmen

This is still a work-in-progress.

18 Composition of FAI Jury panels – Working group of I Kaynes, J Halman, A Ree

The Working Group has finalised the project and the Chairman of the Working Group, Ian Kaynes, identified to the Bureau the major differences to the existing rules. These were accepted by the Bureau and the Chairman was directed to prepare a proposal for the December Bureau meeting

19 Championship Organisations – Organiser Agreement document

The organisers of aeromodelling championships will not be forced to complete Organiser Agreements, and voluntary compliance is preferred.

20 2009 F2 European Championship in Serbia – Missing refunds

The President had received an official protest from Italy regarding the unacceptable delay in refunding the monies paid for the classes that were cancelled by Serbia at the 2009 F2 European Championships.

Currently there are still five countries waiting for refunds.

The SRB delegate, Mr Srdjan Pelagic explained that there had been a meeting in Belgrade with all the persons involved, and that the Serbian NAC IS awaiting some documents so that they could be themselves refunded from the tax they had paid.

Concern was expressed that the refunds were dependent on the Serbian tax officials repaying monies to the Serbian NAC first.

The Bureau agreed that the President should write to the NAC of Serbia holding them to a final deadline of 10th May for the refunds to be paid to the five countries.

21 Education Subcommittee Questionnaire. Report by Gerhard Woebbeking

A formal report will be distributed separately from these Minutes.

22 Bureau support for site inspection

This item was taken under Agenda item 5.

23 Numbering system of technical volumes

The Technical Secretary explained that after analysing the effect of the re-numbering system suggested by the F1 Sub-committee Chairman on all 11 volumes of the Code, she strongly felt that the suggested system of using the class name alpha-numeric-alpha and then sequential numbering was not an improvement to the current system, of a class name at the beginning of the rules and all the paragraphs following a fully numeric numbering system based on the part number that applies to a category. The Technical Secretary advised that if it was decided to change the numbering system for the rules in all the volumes then it would be better to use a numeric system that was fully expandable. This would allow the opportunity to correct the fundamental error that occurred when F3 classes were originally allocated class numbers. In conclusion she advised that it would be better to stay with the current system than use the suggested new system. She emphasised that the Code is a single Sporting Code with many volumes and that any numbering system must work for the volumes that have multiple complex class rules as well as for those volumes that are not so complicated.

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This reasoning was not accepted by the rest of the Bureau members and the President instructed the Sub-committee chairman to make the changes suggested by the F1 Sub-committee Chairman's across the whole of each of their volumes, including all the cross-referencing. The 3rd Vice President, Andras Ree, agreed to make the changes to the ABR volume.

The project will be co-ordinated and led by the F1 Sub-committee Chairman. The Technical Secretary will make available to the Bureau, workspace especially annotated draft 2011 Code volumes for the project which will be started after the 2010 Plenary amendments have been incorporated.

The process must be completed by 1 September.

Each test volume must be accompanied by a list of cross reference between the old and new paragraph numbers. (**President's note:** There is no guarantee that the Test Volumes with the experimental numbering system will be adopted, since there could be numerous cases of cross referencing and consequential changes as a result. A thorough analysis will have to be conducted before further progression).

24 Technical Meetings

The 1st Vice President had not produced the paper as requested at the 2009 December Bureau meeting and so a short discussion covered two main points:

- (a) That at Technical Meetings, the NAC Delegate votes can sometimes over-rule the proposals submitted by the Sub-committees which are comprised of technical experts.
- (b) It was questioned whether Technical Meetings were still necessary in this age of alternative electronic communication.

It was postulated that the NACs should be encouraged to forward proposals to the Sub-Committees in the first instance as often NACs continue to submit proposals on issues that have already been debated, and often resolved, by the Sub-committee.

The Technical Secretary was concerned that NACs, who are the members of the FAI were at risk of losing their rights in favour of the Sub-committees

25 Change from "provisional" to "official" rules

This item was taken under item 26.

26 Class nomenclature

26.1 Name and structure of "Provisional" classes

26.2 New structure of classes

The Technical Secretary had previously distributed an email message, consolidating the Bureau members' comments.

After a short discussion it was agreed that the Technical Secretary would formulate a proposal for the new nomenclature and related rule cycle for the 2010 December Bureau. The Sub-committee Chairmen were tasked with (a) identifying those classes with stable rules and (b) those classes that might be considered obsolete. The deadline for receipt of this data to the Technical Secretary is 1st June 2010.

27 Medals presentation

This item was taken under item 5.

28 CIAM Guides and Safety Rules

The Technical Secretary had recently published the updated Safety Rules and Guides for Radio Control.

29 Date for 2010 Bureau meeting. Dates for 2011 Bureau and Plenary meetings

2010

It is proposed that the Bureau meeting will be held on 3rd & 4th December 2010.

2011

It is proposed that the 2011 Bureau meeting will be held on 14th April 2011, and the Plenary Meeting on 15th & 16th April. If the Olympic Museum should not be available on these dates then the meetings will be brought forward to 7th, 8th and 9th April

30 Any Other Business

The President will enquire from the previous President, Sandy Pimenoff, how awards recognising the efforts of long-serving retiring people such as the FAI Secretary General, and CIAM officers, were handled in the past. The Bureau would like to make appropriate awards to Max Bishop and Thierry Montigneaux, and to ex-CIAM officers like Bob Brown, Ron Chidgey, and Doc Jackson

The F3 Soaring Sub-committee Chairman urgently needed the contact details of the (F3B) World Championship organiser in China.

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